

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 2 (lines 7-13) with the following replacement paragraph:

For the realization of the objective of the invention, a the process of the present invention comprises a method where ~~with the features of claim 1 is proposed. This is distinguished by the fact that~~ the direction of flow of the electrolyte during the coating process is reversed at least once. By the reversal of the direction of flow of the electrolyte at a preferably precisely defined point in time a specific effect on the distribution of the thickness of the layer and the desired theoretical dimensions is possible, that is, the thickness of the wear-resistant layer generated by the electrolyte can be adjusted. Thereby the form of the surface to be coated, therefore, for example, the conicity of a hole or the planeness of a plate can be influenced.

Please replace the first full paragraph of page 10 (as renumbered by the Examiner), comprising lines 3-16, as follows:

As can be seen from Figure 2A the passageway hole 35 has a conical form after its production, that is, the diameter of the passageway hole is different in the area of its openings. One diameter is designated by  $\varnothing_{1vor}$   $\varnothing_{1before}$  and the other with  $\varnothing_{2nach}$   $\varnothing_{2before}$ . After the preprocessing of the passageway hole 35 the theoretical diameters  $\varnothing_{1vor}$   $\varnothing_{1before}$  and  $\varnothing_{2nach}$   $\varnothing_{2before}$  are measured and from this the anodizing time is determined or calculated by means of the following equation:

$$\Delta\varnothing = \varnothing_{soff} - K(\varnothing_1 + \varnothing_2)/2 \quad \Delta\varnothing = \varnothing_{\text{setting value}} - K(\varnothing_1 + \varnothing_2)/2,$$

where K is a parameter or a constant which can be determined empirically or by

calculation. After the coating of the passageway hole 35 the theoretical diameters  $\varnothing_{1nach}$   $\varnothing_{1after}$  and  $\varnothing_{2nach}$   $\varnothing_{2after}$  are determined. The times for the individual directions of flow are determined or calculated from the difference  $\varnothing_{vor} - \varnothing_{nach}$   $\varnothing_{before} - \varnothing_{after}$ . As represented in

Figure 2C, the difference in diameter between  $\varnothing_{1mach}$   $\varnothing_{1after}$  and  $\varnothing_{2mach}$   $\varnothing_{2after}$  is smaller than before the coating process. The conicity is therefore substantially compensated in the case of this exemplary example. The conicity can be compensated by the above-described process at least better than is possible by the prior-art production processes designated as Dalic processes.